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CABINET COUNCIL ON MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Meeting #6
December 23, 1982, 10:00 a.m.
Cabinet Room

MINUTES

Attendees: The President, Messrs. Meese, Regan, Weinberger, Block, Schweiker, Bell, Schmults, Coldiron, Fiske, Trent, Wright, Smith, Fuller, Harper, Bledsoe, Williamson, Carleson, Carmen, Devine, Campbell, Carlucci, Niskanen, Jenkins, Steinberg, Cavaney, Holmer, Cicconi, Darman and Ms. Dunlop, Ms. Cholmondeley, and Ms. Risque

1. President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE)

Mr. Wright and the Inspectors General presented "A Summary Report of Inspector General Activities" to the President in the Roosevelt Room. The report covered the last half of FY 1982. The key points were that cumulative savings achieved through the PCIE have reached \$16.9 billion, and future efforts will focus on prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse through computer-matching, prescreening, and improved program coordination. Following acknowledgement by the President of the accomplishments of the PCIE, the meeting was convened in the Cabinet Room.

Mr. Meese briefly introduced the topics for this portion of the meeting, mentioning their ties to the goal of improving management of the Executive Branch in which CCMA will play a leading role.

2. Federal Civilian Personnel

Mr. Devine discussed progress toward the President's goal of reducing non-defense full-time equivalent (FTE) work years by 75,000 by FY 1984. Since the beginning of the Administration, people-count have now been reduced by about 104,000, of which 40,850 were full-time permanent employees. Toward the goal, a reduction of 66,972 FTE work years had been achieved through the end of FY 1982. However, agency requests for FY 1983 and FY 1984, unless lowered, will exceed targets and cause us to miss the goal by 8,000 to 18,000 work years. Mr. Wright indicated that FY 1983 requests are now about 14,000 too high. Mr. Meese said the only non-defense agencies due for an increase are Treasury, Justice, and Transportation, but that all should strive toward staying within targets so as to achieve the overall goal. The President agreed that this should be controlled.

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3. Work Space Management Initiative

Mr. Carmen described the allocation of work space throughout the Executive Branch and proposed a work space management initiative that would require all agencies to have plans, would call for an average of 135 square feet of office space per employee, and would establish an information and reporting system. Mr. Meese indicated that as personnel are reduced, so will work space, supplies, and related office equipment.

Action

The President directed preparation of an executive order consistent with Mr. Carmen's proposed work space management initiative.

4. Federalism

Mr. Williamson presented a memorandum describing a proposed 1983 Federalism Initiative and its features. Mr. Carleson presented several proposed changes for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Meese summarized tentative agreement on the following points, pending Presidential approval: 1) a commission or task force should be established to determine financing capabilities; 2) Medicaid and income maintenance programs will be excluded; 3) the transportation block grant will be included; 4) the block grant to States will require a 5-year period during which States must use funds for the blocked programs and only excise taxes will be used for financing; 5) the federal-local block grant will be included; and 6) the rural housing block grant will be included.

Because of time limitations, the Reform 88 project was not discussed. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.